

House Resolution 1272

By: Representative Jenkins of the 8th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and honoring the life of Georgia State Patrolman Michael "Mike" Fortson and
2 inviting his family to appear before the House of Representatives; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Georgia State Patrolman Michael "Mike" Fortson was born and raised in Rabun
4 County to parents, Willie and Hattie; and

5 WHEREAS, he graduated from Rabun County High School in 1983, and immediately upon
6 graduation, he went to work for the City of Clayton Police Department; and

7 WHEREAS, Georgia State Patrolman Michael "Mike" Fortson joined the Georgia State
8 Patrol in 1986 as a trooper cadet; and

9 WHEREAS, he graduated with the 62nd Georgia State Patrol Trooper School in 1988 and
10 was assigned to the Georgia State Patrol headquarters in Gainesville; and

11 WHEREAS, in 1999, he transferred to Executive Security with the Georgia State Patrol; and

12 WHEREAS, from 2002 until 2004, he was a part of the Metro Fugitive Squad; and

13 WHEREAS, in 2004, he returned to Executive Security and had a distinguished career
14 working for Lieutenant Governor Mark Taylor, Governor Roy Barnes, and current Governor
15 Sonny Perdue; and

16 WHEREAS, he will be missed by his fellow troopers, his business associates, his many
17 friends, and especially his wife, Kathleen; his sons Shawn and Michael; and his parents,
18 Willie and Hattie.

19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
20 the members of this body recognize and honor the life of Georgia State Patrolman Michael

1 "Mike" Fortson and extend their deepest sympathies to his family, friends, and fellow
2 troopers.

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
4 and directed to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to the family of Georgia State
5 Patrolman Michael "Mike" Fortson, and the Georgia State Patrol.